

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form  
CARR 591**

**1. Name -** Historic Name - Bortner House

**2. Location -** 1214 Old Manchester Road  
Manchester , MD 21102  
Carroll County  
6th Congressional District

**3. Classification**

Category - buildings

Ownership - private

Public Acquisition - not applicable

Status - occupied

Accessible - restricted to end of driveway by owner

**4. Owner of Property**

Bruce Edward Grimes, trustee  
2523 Stone Road  
Westminster, MD

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Carroll County Tax Assessor  
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street  
Westminster , Maryland  
Block 15 / Lot 315

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

Unchanged

**7. Description**

Condition - Good

Altered

Original Site

Present Use - private residence

**Summary paragraph:**

The two-and-a-half story, four bay by two bay bank house has been altered by the application of aluminum siding and a cinder block enclosure on the south facade basement level.

**Description**

*House (1800-1805/1830-1850)*

The main block of the Bortner House is 2-1/2 stories, two bays by two bays with two-over-two windows on all elevations. The mid-nineteenth century addition is a 2-1/2 story structure, two bays by two bays attached to the main block's west elevation. The house is sheathed in aluminum siding on the south facade and asphalt shingles on the gable ends. The main block is most likely a log structure.

The metal gable roof has an interior brick chimney on the east gable end and a central brick chimney which was probably added during the construction of the addition. An open porch traverses the south facade supported by a cinder block wall that also encloses the south facade basement level. A one story shed addition was erected across the north elevation.

**Contributing Resources: 1**

**8. Significance**

**Summary paragraph:**

The Bortner House is representative of an early nineteenth century log structure that is prevalent in the project area. The addition to the west elevation is a rural vernacular style which served as an enlargement for the existing log house.

**History:**

Located in a clearing at the end of a farm lane that branches from Grove's Mill Road, the Bortner House is one of many log structures built during the early nineteenth century that appear throughout Carroll County and the project area.

**Evaluation:**

Constructed circa 1800-1805 with a mid-nineteenth century addition, the Bortner House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible

under Criterion A; no significant events historically or agriculturally have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion C; though the main block is a log structure and the house does retain its original form, there are more significant examples of this type of structure within the project area that have greater integrity and extant original fabric.

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#### 10. Geographical Data -

**Acreage:** 10.33

**Quadrangle name -** Manchester

**Quadrangle scale -** 1 to 24,000

#### Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the property is coterminous with Carroll County Tax Map Block 15 / Lot 315, which encompasses 10.33 acres historically associated with the property.

#### 11. Form Prepared By:

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**June, 1996**

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>6/1/96</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>"</u>

**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

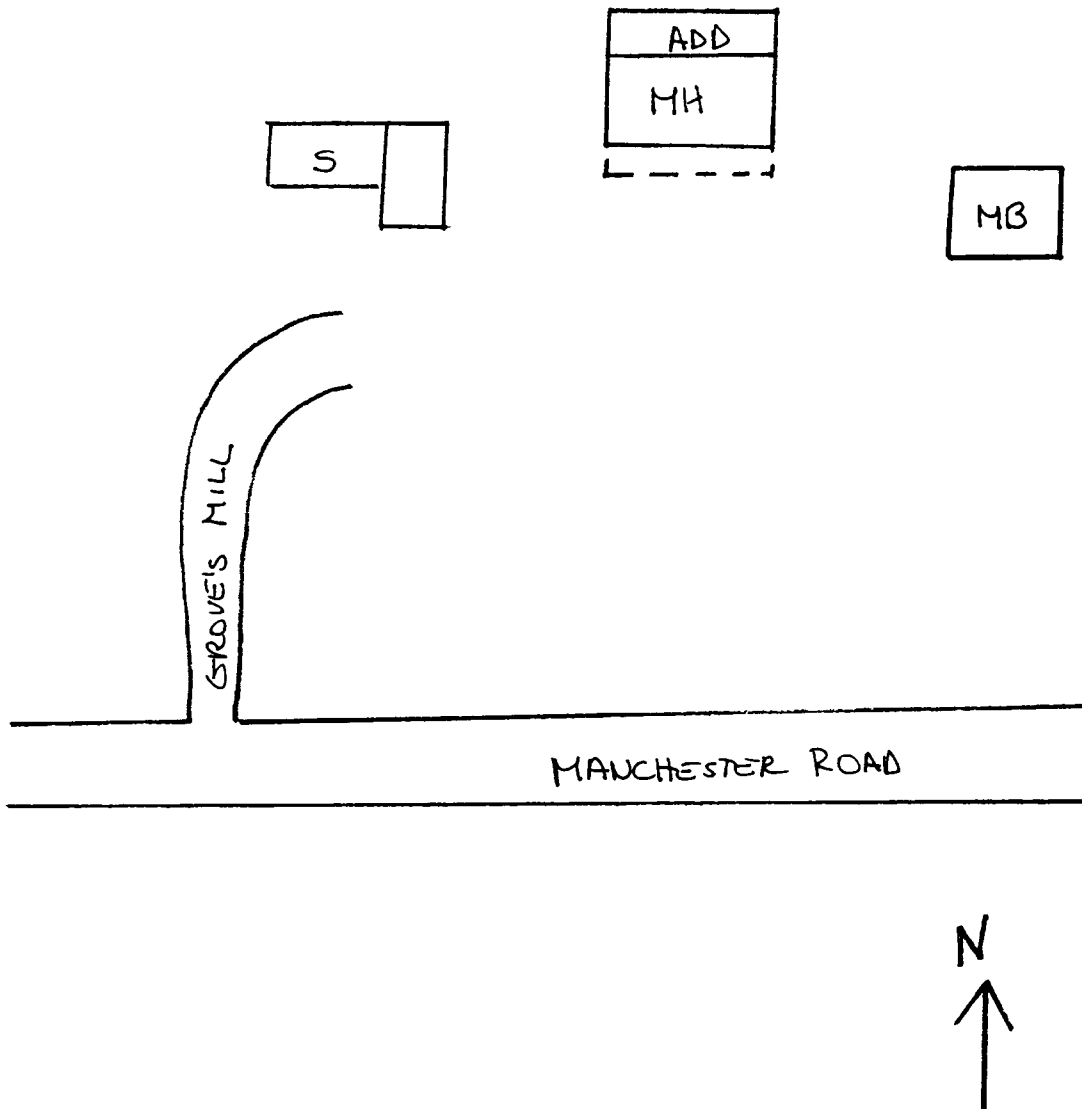
*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Rural-Agrarian Intensification -AD 1650-1815  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition- AD 1815-1870

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture

*Resource Types:* Farmhouse

CARR-591



CARR-591  
Bortner House  
Manchester vicinity  
Carroll County  
Manchester Quad

**SITE PLAN ABBREVIATIONS**

ADD	-	Addition
CC	-	Corn Crib
CH	-	Carriage House
CKH	-	Chicken House
CS	-	Cow Stalls
G	-	Garage
GR	-	Generator Room
HP	-	Hog Pens
MB	-	Main Barn
MH	-	Main House
MR	-	Milk Room
OB	-	Outbuilding
OH	-	Outhouse
PH	-	Pump House
RC	-	Root Cellar
S	-	Shed
SB	-	Secondary Barn
SH	-	Summer House
SK	-	Summer Kitchen
SPH	-	Spring House
ST	-	Stables
TH	-	Tenant House
W	-	Well







1. CARR: 591
2. Candle County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bortner House  
29 -- Manchester Rd  
area - looking north
7. 1/1.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bortner House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER Groves Mill Road, adirt road off north side of MD. 27, west of MD. route 30

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Manchester

STATE

COUNTY

MarylandCarroll**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The house is located in a clearing in the woods at the end of a long dirt road which winds off to the north of Maryland Route 27. Its principal facade faces south, and it is 2 1/2 stories high and built into a bank. Above its basement, now faced with cinder block, a one-story porch extends along the main floor and is supported by new decorative iron posts.

There are two doorways on the main floor, one in the east end and one in the second bay from the west. There are three 2/2 windows on the main floor, and four on the second floor. The principal facade has an irregular fenestration pattern, with the western half less regular than the eastern end. This may be due to the addition of one section of the house to an earlier part. This addition is also suggested by the location of two brick chimneys, one an interior east end chimney and the other slightly east of center.

The east and west gable ends are both two bays deep, and on the north side of the house is a two story, one bay deep shed roofed addition. Probably constructed of log or stone, the house sheathed with white aluminum siding on its main (south) facade, and with grey/green asphalt shingles on both gable ends.

This is probably the C. Bortner house shown at approximately this location on an 1862 Martenet atlas of Carroll County.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is of interest for its possible early date and construction, as indicated by the unusual fenestration and location of its two chimneys, which suggests that the house was built in at least two sections.

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman &amp; Peter E. Kurtze, Historic Sites Surveyors

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

December 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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1 MILE

400 500 600 700 FEET

KILOMETRE

AL 20 FEET

AL DATUM OF 1929

MARYLAND

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt	- - - - -

U.S. Road

State Route

MANCHESTER, MD.-PA